

FUNCTION 250: GENERAL SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

FUNCTION SUMMARY

Function 250 includes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) civilian spaceflight, research, and support activities and basic research programs of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Department of Energy (DOE).

In 1998, spending for Function 250 was \$18.0 billion in BA and \$17.7 billion in outlays, which is essentially the same as the 1997 spending level. Discretionary spending represents nearly 100 percent of total spending in the function.

As reflected in the spending summary table, under the freeze baseline, Function 250 BA would be frozen at \$18.0 billion through 2000, falling to \$17.9 billion from 2001 through 2003.

One technical baseline change has occurred since passage of the BBA that increases Function 250 by \$1.3 billion in 1998. Energy Supply and Science accounts previously shown in Function 270 (Energy) are now displayed in this function. The change is incorporated into both the freeze baseline and the President's request.

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SPENDING SUMMARY (\$ billions)

		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Chairman's Mark	BA	18.0	18.3	17.8	17.7	17.3	17.0
	OT	17.7	17.9	17.9	17.6	17.4	17.0
BBA *	BA	18.0	16.2	16.0	15.8	15.6	16.0
	OT	17.7	16.5	16.0	15.9	15.7	16.1
Freeze Baseline	BA	18.0	18.0	18.0	17.9	17.9	17.9
	OT	17.7	17.8	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.9
Chairman's Mark compared to:							
BBA	BA	--	+2.0	+1.9	+1.9	+1.7	+0.9
	OT	--	+1.4	+1.9	+1.7	+1.7	+0.9
Freeze Baseline	BA	--	+0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0
	OT	--	+0.1	-0.0	-0.3	-0.5	-0.8

*The Chairman's Mark levels are higher than the Balanced Budget Agreement (BBA) in part due to an accounting change in 1997 that shifted \$1.3 billion in Department of Energy (DOE) science funding from Function 270, Energy, to Function 250.

DESCRIPTION OF CHAIRMAN'S MARK

The Chairman's Mark proposes discretionary spending of \$18.2 billion in BA and \$17.9 billion in outlays for 1999. This represents an increase of \$0.3 billion in BA and \$0.1 billion in outlays over the freeze baseline. Over the next five years, the Chairman's Mark would increase discretionary levels by \$1.9 billion in BA and \$1.1 billion in outlays over the levels assumed in the BBA.

- ▶ The Chairman's Mark assumes an increase for the **National Science Foundation (NSF)** above the BBA for **NSF Research and Related Activities**. The Chairman's Mark continues strong funding for basic research programs and activities of the federal government, especially those activities within **NSF** and the **Department of Energy**.
- ▶ For **NASA activities** within this function, the Chairman's Mark assumes the President's request for the **international space station**, while also assuming the President's requested

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reductions to NASA Human Spaceflight activities beginning in the year 2000.